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**OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING JUSTIFIED**

Following a thorough and complete investigation conducted by the Lowell Police Department in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Police and Middlesex District Attorney's Office into the Officer Involved Shooting that occurred in the early morning hours of August 27<sup>th</sup>, findings show that Officer Patrick Casey's use of lethal force against Darriss Newton was **justified**. Evidence indicates that within seconds of stopping a vehicle at 3:29am on Middlesex St. in Lowell, the lone occupant of that vehicle, Darriss Newton, exited and began firing multiple rounds from a semi-automatic handgun at Officer Casey. One of those rounds struck the cruiser door Officer Casey was standing behind. In self-defense, Officer Casey returned fire striking the defendant twice and thwarting the assault. Newton survived his injuries and was arraigned on charges including Armed Assault with Intent to Murder. He is being held without bail until his next court appearance.

The investigation further shows that Officer Casey acted heroically in his actions, not only in defending himself from imminent harm but also aiding in the swift capture of his assailant and protecting the citizens of Lowell from a violent felon. Officer Casey showed the poise and professionalism of a veteran officer even though he has less than a year on patrol. The City of Lowell is fortunate to count this young officer among those who have dedicated themselves to their public safety.

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